REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to identify the leads as line segments, claim 1 has been replaced by new claim 7 which better defines the invention, and claims 2, 3 and 5 have been amended to depend from new claim 7. Entry is requested.

The undersigned thanks the examiner for agreeing to the telephone conference which took place on August 12, 2009. During this conference the undersigned argued that the examiner's rejection based on Hwang is incorrect because there is no disclosure in Hwang of positioning the through holes therein in a square, or of using line segments (strips 21, 22) which taper from opposite ends to a middle area. The examiner asked that these arguments be presented in writing for further consideration (no agreement was reached).

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang. The applicants again assert that this rejection is incorrect. The conductive strips 21, 22 therein have a curved configuration (slightly S-shaped) with what appears to be a constant cross-section along their length. They are not rectilinear (see applicants' claim 3) and they are not tapered from ends to a middle area. And the through holes through which the conductive strips of the separate electric lines are connected are not disclosed as being positioned to form a square. This configuration is critical to the minimization of radiation in the structure of the present

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application. Absent a specific disclosure of this configuration in Hwang,¹ the examiner's rejection based on Hwang cannot be maintained.

A withdrawal of the prior art rejection based on Hwang and an allowance of claims 7, 2, 3, and 5 is requested.

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¹ The drawing figures in Hwang cannot be relied on to suggest a square arrangement of through holes.